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With the recent approval from the Federal Emergency management Agency for Individual Assistance for the Citizens of Cleveland County affected by the August wildfires, the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will be open for business on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. The DRC will be located at the 12 Corners Baptist Church, 15601 Etowah Rd, Noble, Oklahoma.

The Disaster Recovery Center Hours of Operation are:

October 3 – October 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 8 - October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 15 - October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 22 - October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Citizens wanting to apply for assistance must call the FEMA hotline (1-800-621-3362) to register before the DRC will process their application. If for some reason, they have no means to call, a phone bank has been established at the 12 Corners Baptist Church and they can call from the Church.

“Applicants should bring as much information as they can to the Center”, said David Grizzle, Norman’s Emergency Management Coordinator. “They will need to validate their losses to FEMA so they should bring copies of invoices for work performed, rental receipts, receipts for property loss”, he said. “Also copies of social security cards, forms of identification, titles to property, cars and mobile homes to the extent possible should be provided” he said.

If the citizens do not have actual documents, they can call Catholic Charities at 405-523-3028 for assistance in document recovery.

In addition to FEMA, several other agencies will be available to determine if they can assist citizens. Representatives of the Cleveland County Long Term Recovery Committee, Catholic Charities and Saint Vincent de Paul, will be available to assist citizens in a long term recovery plan and in addressing unmet needs not covered by FEMA or other agencies.

For further information please contact Catholic Charities at 405-523-3028.